



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

Meeting Date: 4.23.2010

Meeting Location: Danville Government Center
355 S. Washington St.
Danville, IN 46122

Council Members Present:

Char Burkett-Sims - DCS Region 9 Regional Manager; Sally Berish – Commissioner, Boone County Circuit Court; Andria Geigle – Montgomery County Probation (Proxy for Judge Milligan, Montgomery County); Shelly Chadd – Director, Putnam County DCS; Taren Duncan – Director, Morgan County DCS; Kamilla Aeschliman – Director, Boone County DCS (Proxy for Laura McMann, Supervisor, Boone County DCS); Deb Berkey – Supervisor, Hendricks County DCS; Waylon James – FCM, Morgan County DCS; Tim Haltom – FCM, Putnam County DCS; Kandi Killin – Boone County CASA; Stephanie Kerner – Foster Parent

Guests Present:

Bob Daugherty – Regional Finance Manager; Rhonda Allen – Director, Hendricks County DCS; Melissa Page – Supervisor, Putnam County DCS; Mark Fairchild – Community Partners; Judy Bannister – Children's Bureau; Garnet Holsapple - Supervisor, Morgan County; April Bradshaw – FCM, Montgomery County DCS; Dustin Baker – FCM, Boone County DCS; Mark Davy – FCM, Morgan County DCS; Pascal Fettig – Boone County Mental Health Association; Jane Taylor – Boone County Mental Health Association; Herb Hobson – White's Residential; Brittany Marson – Valle Vista; Chris Hamm – Cummins Behavioral Health; Dale Crowder; David James – The Villages; Lynne Wisneski – Resolute, Options, Resource; Jeff Catlett – Resolute, Resource, Options; Michael Frye – Columbus Behavioral Center; Anna Cedars – Family Interventions; Michael Parker – Lutheran Child and Family Services

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Regional Financial Report:

The budget for March 2010 is at 71%. The target percentage is 75%. The region is doing well overall. CHINS is at 73% and Probation is just under 66%.

Budget totals for individual counties are as follows:

Boone County is at 66% of their budget.

Hendricks County is at 76% of their budget.

Montgomery is at 81% of their budget. They are a little over their budget. This is being tracked closely as there may need to be transfers between allocations.

Morgan County is at 59% of their budget.

Putnam County is at 63% of their budget.

Practice Indicators:

Char will e-mail the Practice Indicators data. There was some question to the data that was provided at the Provider Expo.

Financial Reorganization:

Some of the duties that were assigned to the bookkeepers are now going to go through Central Office. Providers may be seeing some changes when this rollout occurs. The process for invoices will be different. Approval will still be the same through the Family Case Manager. There is training for Providers today in Indianapolis. It was suggested that providers attend the afternoon training session if possible. Terry Suttle is the contact for any other upcoming training.

Medicaid – MRO:

Central Office is looking at what services would be Medicaid eligible and how we can partner with providers for expansion of better delivery of services and have more flexibility with types of services for families. We will be looking at Federal dollars and reimbursements. There will be IV-E training on how to improve determining if a child is IV-E eligible. The IV-E Waiver is still available but we cannot put kids on the waiver if they are not eligible.

We will also be looking at how we can strengthen repayments from families. The areas of focus will be how this impacts service delivery and practice and how we can utilize resources and help families meet their needs. The state has asked for another 5 % cut in funding and looking a number of ways that we look at business. We will still be focusing on the Biennial Plan and also exploring pilots.

Regional Foster Care Plan:

The goal is to provide children with quality foster homes, evaluate strengths and needs of foster families, provide training, and increase the number of foster homes. The foster care specialists have met all of the foster parents in the region. Foster Parents Support Groups have been started in the region with the exception of Putnam County, which has been a challenge. They are looking in to setting up something and using current, more seasoned foster parents as an influence. They will also begin recruitment activities all over the region. The number of licensed foster homes for the region is as follows:

Boone 17

Hendricks 34

Montgomery 22

Morgan 20

Putnam 14

Mark Davy has started a newsletter called "The 9" that will provide information and upcoming events. Funding for FAKT training is still on hold. There has been no word as they are still working on how to provide funding.

Respite Care:

The respite circle continues to grow and Stephanie Kerner continues to work on expanding the program. Stephanie has been providing respite training to foster parents and is also still providing Parents Night Out and looking into grants to support more funding to keep it going. They are hoping to start a second Parents Night Out. Stephanie has requested a donation from the Woman's Fund for \$25,000 for Region 9. They have started taking donations via their website.

Upcoming Event:

There will be another event for foster families and children at Splash Island in Plainfield again this year sponsored by Pamela Parker. The event will be held on June 19th, June 26th as the rain date. All foster families in the region will invited to this event.

Community Partners Update:

The provider Expo had a good turn out. There were 60 providers and 50 booths. All counties were represented well. They would also like to invite foster parents next year. They would like to know what topics would be needed for foster parents. For Child Abuse Prevention Month they have been doing a small activity in each county, with the exception of Morgan. They are trying to get their Child Abuse Prevention Council back up and running. The communities have been very receptive to the activities.

Case Management: The first quarter is up and they are meeting the state outcomes. They have had a slight dip in some counties. They are hopeful that they will see the number of referrals go up soon.

Next Meeting:

It was decided to cancel the May meeting. The June meeting date has been changed from June 26th to June 18th @ 9:00 AM. Jim Dalton will be doing a presentation on Residential Reform. There will be proposals on pilots for this project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Next Meeting Date: July 23, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall
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Avon, IN 46123